

## CORNER-STONE LAYING AT ETTRICK TO-MORROW

Blanford Lodge of Masons Will Officiate, Assisted by Its Sister Lodges.

NEGRO MAY ESCAPE CHAIR

Tom Coles, Assailant of Mecklenburg County Girl, Likely to Die Before Law Can Exact Penalty for Crime to Which He Has Confessed.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 1.—Blanford Lodge of Masons, assisted by its sister lodges, Petersburg and Powhatan Starke, will lay a corner-stone at Ettrick M. E. Church on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to mark an important addition to the church and Sunday school. The orator of the occasion will be Rev. Richard Wilkinson, D. D., pastor of Washington Street M. E. Church.

The corner-stone will bear the dates 1843-1915. In the box will be placed a number of articles, among them the deed for the church property given in 1843 by Allen L. Dorrance to Thomas Archer, D'Arcy Paul, Beverly Drinkard, William Brownley, Daniel Lyon, Thomas H. Roper, Edward T. Floyd, William Lee and James H. Todd, as trustees, all honored and prominent men of that day. The Sunday school was opened in 1847. The present beloved pastor of the church is Rev. C. C. Jones.

**In Bad Condition.**  
Tom Coles, negro, the Mecklenburg murderer and assailant of Georgia Royster, who had been so improving in the Petersburg Hospital that it was in contemplation of removing him to the city jail, was taken worse yesterday, and the attending physician, Dr. H. A. Burke, found it necessary last night to perform a second surgical operation for his relief, removing a rib and taking out a quantity of matter that had accumulated as the result of an abscess in the chest. His condition is reported as very bad, with but a slim chance for his recovery. Having confessed to the crimes charged against him, it is believed that Coles hopes to die at the hospital in preference to going to the electric chair. He professes to be ready to meet death.

### The License Tax Ordinance.

The Finance Committee of the Council, of which Alderman G. C. Wright is chairman, has had several meetings considering the new license-tax ordinance which is to be presented to the two branches of the Council at the April meetings for adoption. It is understood that the committee will recommend a number of changes from the present ordinance. There will be no change in the license tax on liquor dealers, but the committee is understood to recommend that the tax on fortune tellers be increased from \$50, as it now is, to \$100, and that the tax on barbers be also increased. But these are only a few of the changes that it is believed will be recommended. The new ordinance will become effective on May 1.

### To Be Reprinted.

The Council Committee on Cemeteries, of which Commissioner W. V. Kelly is chairman, will at the meeting of the Council next Tuesday night ask for a special appropriation of \$250 to repair and make new graves, but necessary repairs to the interior of historic old Blanford Church. While the church is nominally in charge of the Ladies Memorial Association, and has been entered in the property of the city, the association has spent thousands of dollars in improving and renovating the church, and its beauty attracts the attention of all visitors to Petersburg. Every Confederate State has an imposing memorial window placed in the church in commemoration of its soldier dead. During the Confederate Revolution to her held in Richmond in June it is expected that veterans from every Southern State will visit the church to inspect and admire its memorial design. It is proposed to have the reprinting done by the time of the reunion.

### Arrests in March.

The report of the chief of police shows a total of 411 arrests in this city for all causes during the month of March. The report shows an unusually large number of arrests for drunkenness, a fact that is explained in large measure by the week-end visits of so many laborers employed at the powder works at City Point, who spend much money in Petersburg, and often indulge in frolics. But as a general thing these men are well behaved and give little trouble. The police better shows no serious crimes committed in March, simple assaults and indecent exposures being the bulk of offenses.

### Two Small Fires.

Two small fires occurred in the city yesterday afternoon, in neither of which was the damage more than trivial. The roof of the dwelling in Main street, Leebontons, occupied by Melba Tatum, colored, caught fire from sparks, and was slightly damaged. The interior of the house in Brown's Alley, occupied by Nora Fitzgerald, colored, was somewhat damaged by an interior fire.

### Colored Man Shot.

Langston Murray, a colored laborer at the Du Pont works, was brought to the hospital here this afternoon badly shot in the head. The particulars of the shooting could not be learned, and Murray was not in condition to tell.

### Wedded in Richmond.

Miss Nora Lavina Dutton, of this city, and John Burton Somner, of Greensville County, were married in Richmond yesterday by the Rev. W. T. Hall, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church. Following the ceremony the couple left for their home in Greensville.

### News Notes of Interest.

Miss Beatrice Jones, of Abing, N. Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. D. Witherspoon, in Marshall Street. She was a guest of the Wednesday Music Club yesterday afternoon, and played several pieces in delightful style.

The Petersburg High School baseball club will have a field day at the park on Easter Monday, and will give an exhibition of various athletic sports. Spony School No. 2, in Dinwiddie County, hosts of a league which has done much toward the improvement of the school and grounds. The interior of the building has been painted, a library has been provided, and the grounds are kept in nice order. Miss Beatrice Ratney is the teacher and president of the league.

It was reported last night that the body of Algie Malone, colored, who disappeared from his home in Powhatan several weeks ago, and for which the river has several times been dragged, had been found in a well. The report proved untrue.

The annual meeting of Post C. Travelers' Protective Association, will be held Saturday night at the Elks' Home. Officers will be elected and delegates appointed to the State and national conventions.

A burglar was found in the home of

## RIVAL BRANDS



## NEWS OF ASHLAND

### FORTY-TWO HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE ENTERED CONTEST

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ELON COLLEGE, N. C., April 1.—Forty-two high school representatives will participate in the annual Inter-scholastic Declamations and Recitations Contests here on Friday. In previous years the contest has been limited to declamations and participated in almost wholly by young men, one medal only being offered. This year recitations also will have a place and two medals will be given, one for young men in declamation and the other for young women in recitation. The declamations and recitations are limited in each instance to 1,000 words. The preliminary contest will be held on Friday morning, and the final contest will be held at night. The following schools will send representatives: Cary, St. James, Whitwell, Institute, Friendship, Lawndale, Sylvan, Clyde, Durham, Monroe, Gibsonville, Jamestown, Concord, Youngsville, Ramseur, Bethania, Bonlee, Asheville, Bethany, Macon, Walnut Cove, Mt. Ella, Silver City, Churchland, Asheboro, Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Knapp of Reeds, Waynesville, South Buffalo, Bethaven, Spencer, Haw River and Bethel.

### Made Postmaster at San Juan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, VA., April 1.—Edward W. Keith, a former Bristolian, and son of the late Dr. J. H. Keith, who was prominent in the Holston conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been made postmaster at San Juan, Porto Rico. He has been in the government service on the island for twelve years. His wife was Miss Hattie Davis, a Bristol woman.

### METHODIST BISHOPS HOLD CONFERENCE

BRISTOL, VA., April 1.—Under a new rule of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, calling for a mid-year conference of presiding elders and bishops, the ten presiding elders of Holston Conference concluded the first meeting of the kind here last night, which was presided over by Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, of Los Angeles. Efficiency in conference work and the placing of the best men to best obtain results were features that were given consideration.

### Changes Name of Paper.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 1.—H. H. Hayes, who recently purchased the Warrenton Virginian, published at Warrenton, Va., has changed the name of the paper to the Warrenton Times, the first issue of which will appear this week.

### Governor Considers Petitions.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 1.—Petitions for the pardon of James Wilcox, convicted at Elizabeth City, N. C., in 1902 of the murder, on November 20, 1901, of Nellie Cropsey, formerly of New York, were being considered to-day by Governor Craig. Wilcox is said to have tuberculosis.

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## WAKE FOREST READY FOR TO-NIGHT'S DEBATES

Double-Barreled Affair in Which North Carolinians Will Contest With Richmond College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WAKE FOREST, April 1.—Friday night is the date set for the double-barreled debate between Wake Forest College and Richmond College, of Richmond. Two teams will debate the same question, that of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes, one at Wake Forest and the other at Richmond. This is the first inter-collegiate debate which Wake Forest has engaged in this year, and it will be the last.

At Wake Forest the Baptists will uphold the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That all industrial disputes should be settled by compulsory arbitration," and at Richmond they will defend the negative. The debaters at Wake Forest will be T. A. Ayers, of Rocky Mount, and John P. Mott, of Cleveland County, and at Richmond, Mr. Carleton, of Mecklenburg County, as alternate.

The speakers representing Wake Forest at Richmond are Cary Hunter, Jr., of Raleigh, and J. McKinley Pritchard, of Madison, with Lee Carleton, of Dupont County, as alternate. Mr. Carleton left for Richmond to-day to prepare the way for the coming of the Wake Forest speakers.

The judges for the debate at Wake Forest are Judge James S. Manning, Judge E. W. Winston and Colonel A. A. Thompson, all of Raleigh.

The announcement this morning that Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, for years North Carolina's Secretary of State, would preside over the debate, was a pleasing one to Wake Forest.

### HIGHWAY BEING PUT IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BOYNTON, VA., April 1.—Colonel D. H. Winslow, of the United States Department of Good Roads, in charge of the Washington-Atlanta Highway, northern section, which reaches from Washington to Fayetteville, N. C., stopped here to-day on his regular inspection tour of the route, and had something to say about the condition of his section of the highway. He reports that the route is getting in excellent shape rapidly, and the causeway leading up to the bridge over the Dan and Staunton Rivers at Clarksville, which form the Roanoke River, has recently been made passable. This will be good news to tourists, who experienced some trouble at that point during the bad winter season. Colonel Winslow has a plan to submit to the Board of Supervisors of this county at the next regular meeting, on April 12, regarding the causeway.

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